

May Build On Memorial Square

SEEKING CENTRAL LOCATION

Chamber of Commerce
Favors Owning Its
Own Home

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday was given over almost entirely to the discussion of the question of moving the headquarters of the chamber to a location where more of the traveling public will pass the door, the unanimous opinion being that the object of the chamber is to reach the stranger or transient and acquaint him with the advantages of our own city as a place to live, invest his money, and engage in business, and to let the stranger know we are proud of our city. Call it civic pride, or local patriotism or by whatever name you will, it is such a spirit that causes others to join us.

After consideration of an offer of Chas. Vonderahe to allow the chamber to occupy space in his real estate office, it was decided that the chamber should not be in the same office with any private business concern, and a vote of thanks and appreciation was extended Mr. Vonderahe for his generous offer.

The chamber could obtain a room in the Brooks building for \$75 per month or one in the Vonderahe building for \$50 or one in the Rappaport building for \$50, with no other business in the same room.

Mr. Harwood suggested that \$600 a year paid for rent would more than pay interest on all the money invested in its own building and in a few years pay off the principal. He further suggested that if the triangular lot directly across the street from the Auditorium could be obtained a very unique and attractive little building could be erected and used as a public rest room or waiting room, a central location where strangers could meet their friends with a representative of the chamber present to see that all requests for information are properly taken care of.

The lot in question is 104x71x65 feet and the available building space is 65x50x44 feet, or an area of 1100 feet, which would leave a distance of twelve feet between the curb and the building line on Cabrillo, and seven feet on the other two sides.

The suggestion was received with enthusiasm as it was conceded that practically every person going through Torrance must pass the property and could not fail to favorably observe such a building as that suggested, which, with the memorial flag pole towering overhead, would leave no doubt as to the national as well as local patriotism of the people of this city. There was a sentiment expressed by all present that the lot should never be used for private or business purposes and that if acquired, such a restriction should be made in the papers affecting title to the lot.

It was also pointed out that the parking facilities were greater than at any other lot in the city as the three sides of the lot would give a total parking space of about 225 feet which could be reserved for the "stranger within our gates" who may call at the building.

The secretary was authorized by a vote of twelve to one, Mr. Klusman voting no, to ascertain whether the lot in question could be obtained. It was thought that although the lot is in reality a part of the street dedicated to the public, that the use for the purposes outlined would be welcomed and appreciated by the public as well as the owners of the land.

DANCE TONIGHT

Don't forget the Women's Club Dance tonight in the big Torrance Warehouse. This is not a dress-up affair, its purpose being to have a good time. Bush's orchestra has been engaged. You are invited.

"Sidetracking" Job Proves Successful After Weeks of Faithful Work to Pass Drill Stem

After six weeks of heart-breaking work, the drillers of the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's wildcat well at 213th street and Western avenue, Monday reported that they had succeeded in getting by the drill stem and collar twisted off in the hole at 2500 feet. The side-tracking job was one of the most difficult ever undertaken in the field. The well yesterday was down about 2700 feet.

Every oil company in Southern California is watching the Peterson-Barker well and if it hits production new leasing activities will start on the east side of Torrance. The logs of the well are being checked up closely with the logs of the wells on the west side. C. L. McFarland, owner of the land on which the well is being drilled, said yesterday that he was confident that the well would be a producer. He believes that it will make at least 1000 barrels from the first sand.

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Forum Meeting Monday Night

55-FIFTY-FIVE PRIZES GIVEN AWAY FREE-55

Ground Broken For New Sam Levy Building Owner Did His Best In Steering Team On First Furrow

Ground was broken for the erection of the new Sam Levy stores on Sartori street this week and work will start on the building in the near future.

The new building will be 30x130 feet and will be a two-story structure, built with University brick. The first floor will be arranged for two stores with separate entrance and will house the Smart Shop and Gents' Furnishing stores owned by Mr. Levy.

The second story will contain two office rooms and a reception parlor in the front part of the building and in the rear six apartments will be built. Mr. and Mrs. Levy will occupy one of the apartments and will rent the others.

The slogan used by Mr. Levy, "Watch Us Grow," when he first entered business in Torrance, is being fulfilled and his many friends and patrons are pleased with his success. The feature at the ground breaking to start the new building with honors was furnished by Mr. Levy himself, who kindly volunteered to drive the team and plow for the first furrow. The horses did their part, but Mr. Levy, not being used to these honors, became somewhat excited and forgot to steer the animals. Instead of breaking the ground in a straight line it was broken from one corner to the other. The audience invited to attend the ceremonies viewed the entertainment with delight.

KEYSTONE DIST. BUILDS FIRST DERRICK

Located on G. C. Wharton Lease Near Harbor Boulevard

(Oil News from Nearby Fields)
The first oil derrick to be built in the Keystone district is now up and will be ready to spud in Sunday, June 3.

The derrick was built by the Keystone Oil Syndicate, a company controlling a twenty-eight acre community lease in this district. The well is located on the G. C. Wharton lease, Tract 2982, four miles east of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway well on the E. Kettler lease.

The Keystone Oil Syndicate is composed of well known business men who intend to put down several more wells in the near future. Further leasing and buying of properties is now in full swing and Keystone, the little city with a future, is experiencing its long-awaited boom.

FIFTY-FIVE PRIZES FREE

From the advance sale of tickets for the Boy Scout performance next Tuesday night in the Torrance Theatre the biggest crowd is expected to attend the ten-reel performance since the last show staged by the Business Men's Association. In addition to a fine run of pictures there will be fifty-five prizes given away free.

DON'T FORGET THE FORUM

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce open forum meeting next Monday night, June 4, at 8:00 o'clock in American Legion Hall.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson, noted club woman of Los Angeles, and other speakers will be present. You are invited to come and bring your friends.

Big Production and High Gravity Believed Hidden In Deep Sand

First Steel Derrick Up on Torrance Community No. 4; Will Be Made Deep Test Well

Flowing between a thousand and twelve hundred barrels, Torrance No. 4 on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, was brought in Monday afternoon. At the present time it is the best producer on the big lease. It was completed at 3608 feet. The initial test of the oil showed it to be twenty-five and nine-tenths gravity, giving promise of going two or three points higher.

Torrance No. 4 lies between No. 3 and No. 5, both good wells. The latter, however, has not lived up to expectations and is now making only about 250 barrels. No. 5 offsets the Hub's Smith No. 1, now being deepened, and it looks very much as though Torrance No. 5 should have been drilled one or two hundred feet deeper. It was put down to 3614 feet. The gravity of the oil is around twenty-seven. Torrance No. 3, which has been on production for several months hovers around 500 barrels. The gravity is a little better than twenty-eight. Because of the steady improvement that has been shown in all the wells as they have come east, it was confidently believed that Torrance No. 5 would be far better than the others. Four unsuccessful cement jobs in Torrance No. 4 delayed its production several weeks.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company has two more wells on the same lease that are about to be cemented off in the oil sand. One of the wells, Torrance No. 6, offsetting the Hub's Frier No. 1 on the north side of 216th street, is down about 3100 feet and Torrance No. 7, on the south side of Carson street and two locations east of Torrance No. 5, is just below the 3200 foot level.

The crew on the Hub's Smith No. 1 is still fishing for the drill stem twisted off in the hole two weeks ago while deepening the well. This well is being watched closely because it is believed that by going down to 3700, or 3800 feet the drillers will get a production of 1200 or 1500 barrels a day of high gravity oil. The Hub's Frier No. 1 is still standing idle waiting for machinery. Rotary equipment is now being installed in the first well on the Hub's Vista Highland lease on the north side of Carson street, which must be spudded in by June 16, but as yet no machinery has been put in the rig offsetting the Standard's Torrance Community No. 3. It is believed that the results obtained by the deepening of Smith No. 1 will govern the drilling in the other wells. This, no doubt, accounts for the fact that the officials of the company are waiting until the deepening operations are completed before finishing Frier No. 1.

The first steel derrick in the field is being completed on the location for Torrance Community No. 4 on the thirty-acre lease of the Standard Oil Company on the west edge of Torrance. This well is on the northeast corner of the lease and will be made a deep test well. The Standard Oil experts are determined now to give the oil sands of Torrance a thorough test, and if there is a deeper sand, carrying

All Torrance Pays Homage To Soldier Dead

Impressive Ceremonies
By American Legion
Decoration Day

With solemn and impressive ceremonies at a public meeting under the auspices of the local Post of American Legion, Torrance joined in paying homage to soldier dead, relatives and friends, and in a most sincere manner everyone present offered tributes of love and affection to those who had gone beyond. Schools and business houses closed during the services in reverent respect to the memory of America's honored dead of six wars.

The services were in charge of Hugh Whitney, chairman of the committee on arrangement of the program, which was rendered without a hitch and left a lasting impression upon the audience.

There were songs by the school children, reading of the preamble of the American Legion Constitution by Post Commander Rees, song

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Although the stock in the new "Hardware" Reeve store, next to the Masonic Temple, on Sartori street, is still unpacked and awaits its correct place for display and some of the fixtures need further attention before the formal opening, Mr. Reeve has decided to announce that the new store is open for business under difficulties. The trade can be supplied at the present time with the understanding that after the formal opening, service will be greatly changed.

Many of the out-of-town business men from Los Angeles, San Francisco and other places, connected with hardware business, have visited the new store in the past few days in view of using the same fixtures being installed, they being the first of their kind used on the Pacific Coast.

"The Man Without A Country" Coming

Arrangements have just been completed by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion for bringing to Torrance the American Legion's film classic, "The Man Without a Country." This unusual film feature will be shown at the Torrance Theatre.

"The Man Without a Country" is said to be one of the most remarkable photoplays ever produced. When the picture had its world premier at Washington, D. C., the top admission price was \$10. The picture had a long run in New York City, where the most critical reviewers described it as "a picture that will stir the blood of every American."

The picture is based on Dr. Edward Everett Hale's masterpiece Arnold Daly plays the leading role of Philip Nolan, the "Man Without a Country," who was banished after he had damned his country while on trial for complicity with

TUESDAY EVE. BIG NIGHT FOR BOY SCOUTS

Ten Reels of Pictures
in Addition to Giving
Away Prizes

For the benefit of the Boy Scouts, the Business Men's Association of Torrance will give an evening of "high-class" entertainment and a chance to win a valuable prize, in the Torrance Theatre next Tuesday night.

Ten reels of pictures have been secured, with Dustin Farnum in "Cossomite Falls," a five-reel feature; a Mermaid comedy, "Look Out Below"; Episode, "Leather Pushers," two reels, and a one-reel scenic.

There will be about fifty-five prizes given away to the lucky holders of tickets, and every minute of the show promises to carry a thrill. You will not only benefit by coming next Tuesday night but you will aid in helping one of the most worthy causes—that of training the boys in useful pursuits.

MEINZER CATERING CO. OPENS CAFE

Ferncroft in Masonic
Temple Celebrates
Opening

As the carpenters, plumbers and tinners packed away their tools Wednesday evening, A. W. Meinzer threw open the doors of the Ferncroft Cafe, Masonic Temple, and welcomed a crowd of guests who had made reservations for the opening evening. From 6:00 o'clock until midnight the cafe served about one hundred and while there was much work yet to be done before the fountain, delicatessen and bakery departments are complete, lunch counters and booths were busy. By tomorrow, Saturday, everything will be in readiness, with specials for the noon and dinner hours, together with a la carte and Table D' Hote service.

The soda fountain will be in charge of C. L. Edwards, who comes direct from the Multnomah, Portland, one of the magnificent hotel show places of the northwest. The fountain and parlors will be open Sunday.

The pastry and bakery departments has been placed in charge of N. H. Kramer, a former chef in the Harvey Service throughout the East and West, and has a reputation.

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Aaron Burr's treason plot. Patriotism and love are the keynotes of the production which are worked out to a surprising conclusion.

Henry F. Rees, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, announces that proceeds derived from the showing of the picture will be used by the Legion in carrying on its program of activities, including the care of sick, disabled and needy ex-service men.

TORRANCE NO. ONE SETS RECORD

Goes Up to Four Hundred Barrels Second Day on Production

Setting a production record for a pumping well, the Shell Oil Company this week completed Torrance No. 1 on its lease about midway between Torrance and Redondo. The well is a quarter of a mile north of the Torrance-Redondo road and offsets the Fullerton Oil Company Lens No. 1.

The first day on production the well made 350 barrels and the second day went up to 400 barrels. Within the next thirty days it is expected to settle down to about 175 barrels. The biggest wells in this locality, all of which are on the pump, only made about 275 barrels when first put on production. The gravity of Torrance No. 1 is about seventeen.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

As several complaints in regard to minors driving cars in Torrance have reached the city marshal's office in the past few days, Mr. Anderson wishes to inform parents of minors who are allowed to drive cars that parents will be held responsible for all damage done and for breaking any of the traffic laws from this date.